

# Washington Preservation

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## SHPO Awards Celebrated

### Special Recognition Award

#### Historic Seattle

Founded in 1974 on the heels of early preservation battles such as the fight to save Pioneer Square and Pike Place Market, Historic Seattle is the only nonprofit membership organization dedicated to preservation of Seattle and King County's architectural heritage.



Historic Seattle's innovative status combines the accountability of a government agency with the flexibility of a private company. As a result, Historic Seattle has blossomed into a comprehensive, full-service preservation organization with few, if any, equals.

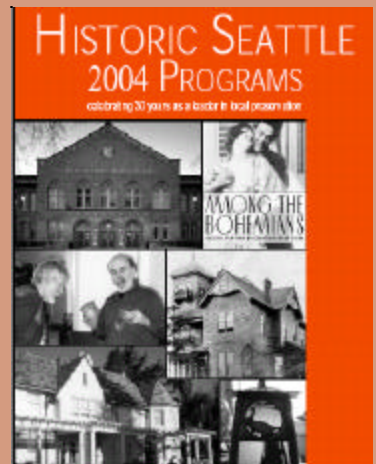


Cadillac Hotel, Downtown Seattle

Since inception, the organization has a broad based membership, engaged board of directors and a multi-talented staff, which has put together wide-ranging and

very effective partnerships.

Historic Seattle has embedded itself into local consciousness through many of its ongoing outreach programs including: walking tours, bus tours, lectures, exhibits, publications, and the ever-popular Bungalow Fair. More importantly over the last 30 years Historic Seattle has directly preserved 42 buildings and 330 housing units.



### Career Achievement

#### Teresa Brum



Teresa Brum  
accepting her  
award

Serving as Historic Preservation Officer for the City/County of Spokane since 1994, Teresa Brum has led the preservation program through a remarkable transformation.

Her efforts have made preservation a true economic development and revitalization tool for the community. Many of Spokane's preservation projects have included very



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significant technical, economic, and political challenges that Teresa has successfully met head-on through her creativity, diplomacy, and problem-solving abilities.

Colleagues describe Teresa as having a high level of professionalism, a spirit of service, and the ability to negotiate through innovation. She is a recognized preservation leader in our state – serving on the Board of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, the Planning Advisory Committee at Eastern Washington University and the Davenport Arts and Entertainment District.

### Career Achievement

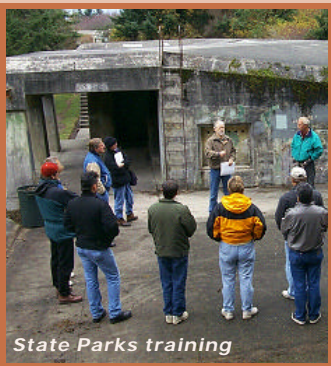
#### Larry Fairleigh

Though apt to waive aside his significance by saying, "I'm just a bureaucrat" Larry Fairleigh walks-the-talk of a true preservation advocate. Beginning in 1996, Larry initiated the first comprehensive survey and assessment of state park historic properties.



Larry Fairleigh accepting his award

Then in 1998, Larry approached the Parks and Recreation Commission to adopt a Cultural Resource Management policy that would guide the treatment of historic properties and lay the foundation for the protection of cultural resources in all parks. This policy became a first for state parks agencies nationwide. His work and focused effort is an example of how one individual can make major changes in a well-established organizational culture.



State Parks training

### Stewardship Award

#### Okanogan National Forest

Threatened by the 2003 wildfire season, a 20-person fire crew comprised of employees from the Methow Valley and the Tonasket Ranger Districts on the Okanogan National Forest, risked life and limb to save several structures in the National Register listed Tungsten Mine.

Two structures at the mine site were manually wrapped in fire shelter material, which resembles aluminum foil.

the buildings. After the fire was contained, Forest Service employees returned to the site to manually remove the fire retardant wrapping and thousands of staples.

Skillful timing and quick action to save these sites exemplifies commitment to stewardship in the face of extreme adversity.



Fire Crew in front of "wrapped building"

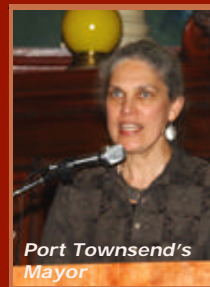
### Stewardship Award

#### Port Townsend Fire Bell Tower Jefferson County Historical Society & The City of Port Townsend

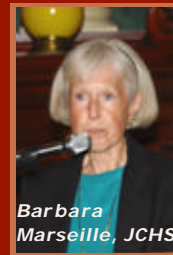
As one of the most recognized images associated with Port Townsend, the 1890 fireman's bell tower is the heart and sole of this Victorian seaport village. The tower was built for purposes of alerting the downtown fire department of fires in the uptown area of the city, and was used by the fire department until 1945.



Port Townsend Fire Bell Tower



Port Townsend's Mayor



Barbara Marseille, JCHS

Stewardship of this historical resource has been ongoing since 1954 and the latest effort was a complete rehabilitation of the structure from top to bottom. The project was a joint endeavor by the Jefferson County Historical Society and the City of Port Townsend. Through private donations, a Heritage Capital Grant and city funds totaling more than \$300,000,



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the bell tower shines anew greeting thousands of visitors to Port Townsend.

## Media Award

### Preservation Seattle: Historic Seattle

Since May 2002, Historic Seattle's online magazine, *Preservation Seattle* has been providing monthly news stories about preservation issues to an ever-expanding



Top: Heather MacIntosh, editor;  
Bottom: Preservation Seattle

group of interested citizens. As the only magazine of its kind in the country that is sponsored by a local preservation organization, the media effort provides both forward and backward-looking perspectives on a variety of pressing preservation related issues.

## Outstanding Achievement in Historic Preservation Planning

### Coastal Defense Parks Interpretive Plan

#### Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission & EDAW

Developed by Washington State Parks cultural resource staff and EDAW, the newly completed Coastal Defense Parks Interpretive Plan provides a ten-year comprehensive and coordinated tool for interpreting the

historical role and significance of the eight coastal defense state parks.



As the "crown jewels" in the state park system, the former coastal defense fortresses are among the most highly visited parks in the state. With a firm plan now in place, park visitors will directly benefit by understanding the evolution

of the fortifications and the major role played by the military in the development of the Pacific Northwest. Among the planned outcomes are new interpretive signage and a variety of walking tour brochures.



EDAW and State Parks Award Winners

## Valerie Sivinski Award for Outstanding Achievement in Rehabilitation

### Port Stanley School Lopez Island Historical Society

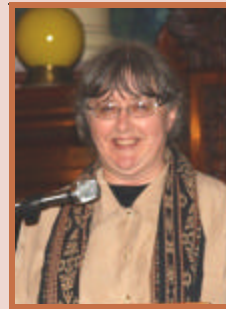
Donated to the Lopez Island Historical Society in 1994 with the stipulation it be restored to its primary period of significance, the Port Stanley School on Lopez Island is an amazing transformation.



Before



After rehabilitation



Nancy McCoy,  
Lopez Island  
Historical Society

The school opened in 1917, and served the community until the late 1930's. The property remained vacant for over 70 years until recent rehabilitation efforts returned the building to its original state.

For nearly eight years an army of volunteers worked on various aspects of the building until a formal dedication was held in late summer of 2003.

## Valerie Sivinski Award for Outstanding Achievement in Rehabilitation

### Newton W. O'Rear House Frank and Pat Durbin

Originally constructed in 1891 as a carriage house, windmill and barn, early on the structure was sold to Newton O'Rear, who converted it into a house, and moved the building a short distance to take advantage of the view of Admiralty Inlet.



Before



After rehabilitation

Like many houses in Port Townsend however, the home fell on hard times in the ensuing years and by 2000 it was in dire need of extensive rehabilitation. Up to the challenge were

Frank and Pat Durbin who began a four-phase rehabilitation program. It included extensive interior work, extension of the porch, major exterior rehabilitation with restoration of the tower roof, windows and trim, and the replacement of decorative elements on the main facade.

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*The O'Rear House on the cover of the Old House Journal*

The Durbin's creative transformation of the Newton O'Rear House shows what can be accomplished if someone has the vision and the fortitude to follow through, and today the house is a showcase in Port Townsend's National Historic Landmark District.



*Frank and Pat Durbin at the SHPO Awards*

## Special Achievement Award

### Heritage Properties & Save Albers Mill (SAM)

Tacoma is no stranger to bared-arm, grass-root efforts. So, when word on the street spread that there was an effort underway to demolish the historic Albers Mill, a collection of preservationists and local historians banded together to form Save Albers Mill (SAM).

Against mounting odds, the group raised awareness of the importance of the industrial cereal mill located near the banks of the Thea Foss waterway. Built in 1904, Albers Mill was designed as the finest milling plant on the west coast.

Eventually a willing buyer was found in Heritage Properties. Taking a gamble, the company invested 9.5 million dollars and many hours of effort to see the process of rehabilitation from derelict industrial structure to a profitable and dynamic building of 70,000 sq. ft. of living and gallery space.



*Bob, Save Albers Mill*



*Grace Pleasants, Heritage Properties*



*Albers Mill, before*



*Albers Mill, after*

## Special Achievement Award

### Jay and Julie Turner

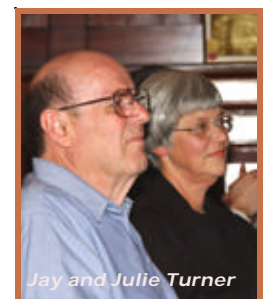


*Typical home in the North Slope district*

Jay and Julie Turner know how to get things done. For ten plus years the couple has been leading the effort to preserve the unique character of Tacoma's North Slope Neighborhood. And they have done it with great success.

While the task started out as an effort to prevent the onslaught of demolitions and subsequent construction of apartment complexes, the effort quickly shifted to thinking about protecting the values and ideas of a cohesive neighborhood. Led by the Turners, a core group of dedicated neighbors first established a neighborhood organization, then wrote and developed a local historic district nomination. Not content with just local listing, this past year, Jay and Julie spearheaded the

effort to complete the states largest National Register Historic District with over 900 contributing properties.



*Jay and Julie Turner*

The Turner's exemplary service on behalf of historic properties shows how individuals can make a difference.



# ***HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN***

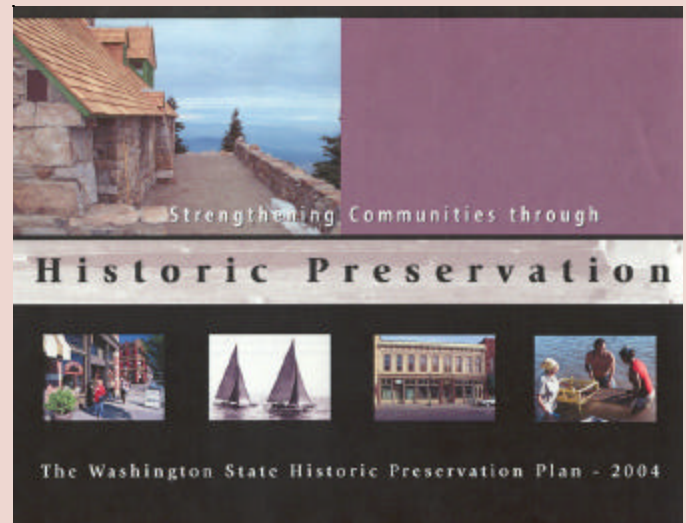
## ***NOW AVAILABLE***

Washington's new statewide historic preservation plan, titled *Strengthening Communities through Historic Preservation*, is now available for distribution. Over a year in development, the plan was spearheaded by the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) in conjunction with an ad hoc Plan Steering Committee (PSC) and consultants Eric Svaren of GroupSmith and Betsy Czark & Associates, both of Seattle.

The 44 page document contains six goals supported by a series of objectives and what are referred to as "action items." Action items are specific tasks to be implemented over the five year planning timeframe. The goals, objectives and action items were based upon comments the planning team heard at a series of public meetings held in winter of 2003 supplemented by views and opinions expressed over OAHP's website and at special request presentations.

The six planning goals are:

- *Increase Use of Historic Preservation as an Economic Development and Community Revitalization Tool*
- *Advocate to Protect Our Heritage*
- *Strengthen Connections Inside and Outside the Preservation Community*
- *Integrate Preservation Principles into Local Land Use Decisions, Regulations, and Development Processes*
- *Expand Efforts to Identify and Preserve Cultural and Historic Resources*
- *Effectively Increase Knowledge of Historic Preservation and its Importance to Washington*



In forthcoming weeks, OAHP staff will be working on mailing out copies of the plan to members of the state's preservation community and related audiences. The document will also be available for downloading directly from OAHP's website at [www.oahp.wa.gov](http://www.oahp.wa.gov). If you would like to make sure you receive your personal copy of the preservation plan, contact Greg Griffith at [gregg@cted.wa.gov](mailto:gregg@cted.wa.gov), call 360-586-3073, or fax to 360-586-3067. Please be sure to include your name and address to which you would like to have the plan mailed.

State Historic Preservation Officer Allyson Brooks and OAHP staff want to be sure to thank everyone who was involved in the planning process. A sincere thanks goes to all who participated in the public meetings and provided written and verbal comments about preservation issues and the draft plan. Your time, interest, and support for preservation is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated. Special thanks also go to group facilitator Eric Svaren and plan author Betsy Czark as well as members of the Plan Steering Committee who volunteered their time and expertise to develop a vision for the plan, designed a public participation process, and provided thoughtful feedback on drafts of the plan. Plan Steering Committee members included:

*Teresa Brum, Spokane Historic Preservation Officer*  
*Ginny Butler, Advocate and property owner, Dayton*  
*Lisbeth Cort, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation*  
*Leonard Forsman, Suquamish Tribe*  
*Steve Franks, Spokane Planning Department*  
*Bill Garvin, Washington Forest Protection Association*  
*Linda Naoi Goetz, Association for Washington Archaeology*  
*Ron Murphy, SMR Architects, Seattle*  
*Garry Schalliol, Washington State Historical Society*  
*Joan Simpson, former Mayor, City of North Bend*  
*Stephanie Toothman, National Park Service*  
*Jack Williams, Hoshide Williams Architects and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation*

# Preserving Cultural History on the Duwamish River

By Holly Taylor, *Past Forward Northwest Cultural Services*

To many residents of the Seattle area, Native American heritage is somewhat invisible in our post-industrial landscape. In the past 150 years, we have straightened rivers, regraded hills, filled tidelands, and built a lot of buildings, modifying the landscape to serve both a growing population and an evolving economy.

In spite of many changes that have taken place in the Duwamish River Valley, south of Seattle, the area still contains several culturally significant places that are associated with Southern Puget Sound Salish mythology and history. Many of these places are still quite visible in the landscape, in spite of a century and a half of development.

One of these places, an 8-acre parcel of undeveloped land on the west side of Poverty Hill in Tukwila, was recently acquired by the Cascade Land Conservancy after a four year fund-raising effort conducted in partnership with the City of Tukwila. Previous owners of the property had proposed an ambitious plan for industrial development on the site, which galvanized a grassroots effort by area residents to preserve it.



*Poverty Hill preserve property, visible from a bridge over the Duwamish River; footings of the old Interurban line are visible at lower left. (all photos courtesy of Holly Taylor)*

The new preserve property is part of a landform identified in anthropological documents as *Stkax'* in the Lushootseed or Puget Sound Salish language, which has been translated as "Beaver Lodge." The property has also been referred to as Grandmother's Hill or Poverty Hill, the neighborhood's name since the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Consultation is ongoing with the Muckleshoot and Duwamish Tribes about what the new preserve property should be called.



*Flowering red currant is one of several native plants found on the new preserve property of ethnobotanical interest.*

The Hill is part of a cultural landscape associated with epic stories from Native American oral tradition, in which North Wind and South Wind battle each other for control of the region. South Wind's victory helps to explain our region's generally mild winters. Many versions of this "War of the Winds" story were recorded by anthropologists in the early 1900s, as told by Duwamish, Muckleshoot, and other tribal elders.

The Cascade Land Conservancy and the City of Tukwila worked together to raise almost \$1 million to acquire and preserve the Poverty Hill property, which will be managed by the Tukwila Parks and Recreation Department

as that city's first cultural preserve. The Conservancy is probably best known for its work to preserve wilderness areas in the Puget Sound region, but the organization also works with community groups to conserve important parcels of land in densely populated areas. Still, this project and a handful of other recent efforts represent a new direction for the Conservancy, in working to preserve culturally significant properties.

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*The view from the top of the Poverty Hill preserve takes in the historic Duwamish neighborhood, as well as Mount Rainier and the Seattle skyline.*





## Preserving Cultural History on the Duwamish River, Continued...

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*The Poverty Hill preserve is classified geologically as part of the Tukwila formation, an unusual outcropping of bedrock in the Duwamish River Valley that includes marine fossils over 40 million years old.*

Support for the acquisition of the property came from a diverse range of funding sources, including the King County Conservation Futures, the Washington State Interagency Fund, the King County Landmarks Commission, the Cultural Development Authority, Boeing, SAFECO, and the Muckleshoot Charity Fund. Students at nearby Foster High School even joined the effort, by collaborating with artists from the Seattle Repertory Theater to write and perform an original play about the history of the Hill, and donate proceeds from ticket sales toward the site's preservation.

To facilitate public access to the site, a new trail system and parking area will be created over the next two years, after volunteer crews work to remove invasive plants. The Conservancy, which will retain a permanent stewardship easement on the property, will work with the City of Tukwila to plan and raise funds for site development and interpretation, in consultation with the Muckleshoot Tribe and the Duwamish Tribe.

Educational and interpretive materials to be developed for the site will include information about the Duwamish Valley's geology and ecology, as well as the area's historical and cultural significance. Discussions will also be ongoing with the Tribes regarding the potential nomination of the Poverty Hill property and associate sites in the Duwamish River Valley to either the National Register of Historic Places or the Washington State Heritage Register as a cultural landscape.

A public event will be held at the site on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. to celebrate the preservation of the Hill property as a unique cultural and natural treasure for the region. The property is located next to

the Duwamish River just off of East Marginal Way at S 115<sup>th</sup> Street in Tukwila. More information about the dedication event will be posted on the Cascade Land Conservancy's web site <http://www.cascadeland.org/>.

## Important Information About Historic Property Inventory Forms

The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation has been using the Microsoft Access-based Historic Property Inventory Database for almost three years. Starting **June 30, 2004** use of the database will be **required** for all cultural resource inventory work. This database was created specifically for Washington state and was first launched in October of 2001. We have been actively improving the functionality of the database since the beginning, and we continue to make improvements to it on a periodic basis - informing users of updates that are available via our web site. The database was designed in such a way that updates can be easily downloaded from the web and can then be quickly implemented by our users without losing or harming any data that has already been added to the database. This system ensures that users will have minimal downtime when the updates are available and that all users are working with the most current version of the database.

Certified Local Government pass-through grants for the last three cycles, and we will now require that inventory forms produced for all Section 106 projects be supplied to OAHF electronically on our database.

The database was created using Microsoft Access 2000 and can be run on any computer system that has Access 2000 or better.

In order to receive a blank version of the database free of charge, please fill out the registration form located on OAHF's web site at <http://www.oahp.wa.gov/HD1.htm> and return it to Michael Houser at [michaelh@cted.wa.gov](mailto:michaelh@cted.wa.gov) (Megan Duvall will be on maternity leave from May 22 to September 7, 2004 and Michael will be the office's database contact during that time). You will then be given the address for the "hidden" web page where the databases, user manual and field forms can be downloaded.

The database has been required to be used for all

# Survey Find

## Lincoln Foundation Design Awards

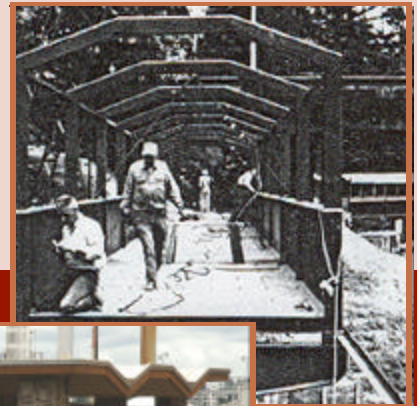
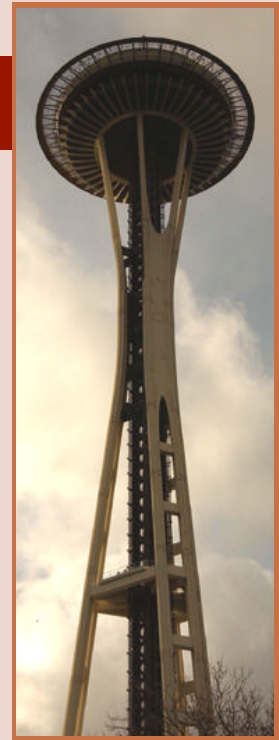
One of the ways to assess the importance of buildings from the recent past is to review literature from the period to see which resources were cited as important examples during their time. Michael Houser, Architectural Historian with OAHP, recently stumbled across an awards program from the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation. With no locations specified, Houser put his researching skills to the test and tracked down the 1963 award winners from Washington State.

Top award winner for the year was the unusual steel-framed Benjamin & Robert Weeks House in West Seattle. Designed by Nelsen, Sabin & Varey, the home was designed around a two-story central court with a circular steel staircase. Bedrooms for the Weeks' six children were located on the lower floor, while the living areas and the master bedroom are located on the upper main floor. Benjamin Weeks, president of the Leckenby Steel Company in Seattle, hoped to use the home as a showcase for the possibilities of steel residential construction.



The fifth place award went to Seattle icon, the Space Needle. The jury noted the particular difficulty of fabricating and erecting the five story, freestanding tower. The main structural columns of the tripod form weigh over 1,000 lbs. per ft. and the award brochure noted the design excellence of chief designer, Nicholas Soldano, of the Pacific Car & Foundry Company.

The sixth place award went to a simple yet elegant pedestrian bridge at the former Olympia Brewery in Tumwater. The 450 foot long bridge was designed by Olympia engineer Harold Sargent and was noted for its clean lines with exposed plate girders that resulted in an economically fabricated, easy to maintain and attractive structure.





# THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES WORKSHOP



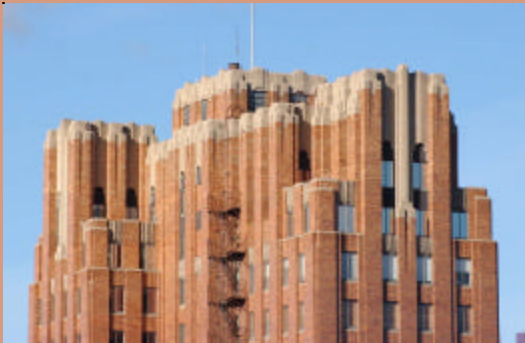
**Friday, June 4th,  
9:00 a.m.**

**Spokane City Hall  
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd  
Council Chambers**

**Friday, July 9th,  
9:00 a.m.**

**Tacoma Municipal Building  
747 Market Street.  
Room: 16**

Whether you're a seasoned veteran or new to the National Register (NR) process, the half-day National Register of Historic Places workshop is for you. The workshop will cover the procedure of listing a property on the National Register, the timelines involved, the registration requirements and the specifics on how to complete a NR form. Attendees will learn about what being "listed" in the National Register really means, how nominations are prepared (yes, you can do it!), and how information on a building's history is organized and presented.



Michael Houser, Architectural Historian for the Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation, will guide workshop participants through a step-by-step process on how to complete the NR form. Houser will specifically discuss issues like historical significance and architectural integrity, the use of digital photography and color copies, large vs. small USGS maps, and the production of site maps and floor plans.

The National Register is our nation's official "listing" of historic buildings, districts, structures, sites, and objects of state and local, as well as national importance, maintained by the National Park Service. Properties are listed through an application process that is consistent throughout the entire U.S. Nomination forms come from (or for) property owners, are submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office and reviewed by a professional state board, and then forwarded to the Park Service for final consideration. For specific information please contact Michael Houser at (360) 586-3076 or [michaelh@cted.wa.gov](mailto:michaelh@cted.wa.gov).

For information on how to register for the workshop, check out our web site at [www.oahp.wa.gov](http://www.oahp.wa.gov).

## **PRESERVATION COLLABORATIVE UP AND RUNNING**

Now that the statewide historic preservation plan is completed, work to implement the plan's action agenda has begun. The Preservation Collaborative is a new Washington preservation entity that has picked up responsibility for the plan where the Plan Steering Committee (see article on page 5) left off. The Plan Steering Committee (PSC) met from late 2002 to summer of 2003 advising the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) on the direction of the planning document and set the tone for the issues to be tackled. Of various issues surrounding the plan development, the PSC felt strongly that there needed to be a mechanism to carry the completed plan through the five year implementation phase. To address this issue, the PSC chartered the Preservation Collaborative. As explained in the plan itself, the Collaborative was formulated to be an informal group of preservation entities directly involved in plan implementation that will monitor implementation efforts and provide a network and support mechanism to accomplish the plan's action items.

Preservation Collaborative membership is designed to represent a broad range of historic preservation interests such as local preservation organizations, tribal representation, Certified Local Governments, and historical societies in addition to groups and organizations that play a large role in preservation activities such as the planning community, architects, government agency and interest groups, as well as legislative representation. Current chair of the body is Jack Williams of Hoshide Williams Architects of Seattle who also serves as Chair of the Washington State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Chair pro tem is Steve Franks of the Spokane Planning Department.

The Collaborative has now met twice: First in Richland in January and most recently in Tacoma on May 6. At this point, members of the Collaborative are focusing on action items to be accomplished during 2004 and 2005 including actions related to developing tools to support heritage tourism, literature on historic preservation for growth management planning, strengthening the preservation advocacy network, and beefing up funding for state and local preservation programs and activities. Also to be tackled this year is creating a vision for a web based clearinghouse of preservation information.

Collaborative members have decided to meet quarterly. The next meeting has not been set as of this writing, but will probably be in early October in southwest Washington. Meetings of the Collaborative are informal and open to anyone with an interest in the work of the group and the preservation plan. For more information about the Collaborative and future meetings, contact Greg Griffith at OAHP at [gregg@cted.wa.gov](mailto:gregg@cted.wa.gov) or 360-586-3073.

## **Customer Service Questionnaire Deadline Is May 28th**

The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) is interested in receiving your thoughts and opinions about the quality of the agency's customer service. The four page document has been designed to obtain your opinions about the effectiveness and efficiency of OAHP services and responsive time. Most questions can be answered by checking a box. Although there is plenty of room to expand upon your opinions with written comments. The questionnaire can be accessed by visiting OAHP's website at [www.oahp.wa.gov](http://www.oahp.wa.gov) and returned to Greg Griffith at [gregg@cted.wa.gov](mailto:gregg@cted.wa.gov). Hard copies may also be obtained from, and returned to Greg by contacting him at 360-586-3073, faxing to 360-586-3073, or mailing to OAHP at P.O. Box 48343, Olympia, 98504-8343. Remember that the deadline for submitting your response is Friday, May 28th. From that point, the responses and comments will be tallied and compiled and a summary prepared and distributed later this summer. Your participation and time in the questionnaire is greatly appreciated.

## **Need Slate?**

Spring cleaning at Ft. Worden could net someone a big cache of historic materials.

Washington State Parks has OK'd the donation of 12 pallets of slate roofing materials to the Friends of Ft. Worden State Parks. The Friends group, in turn, is willing to liquidate these material to the general public for cash that the Friends group can use for future preservation and interpretation efforts at the Fort located just north of Port Townsend, Washington. The Friends of Ft. Worden are currently entertaining offers for the historic slate. Those interested in the materials should contact Dan Moore of General Administration at (360) 902-0949.



# Upcoming Events

## **Fifty-Ninth Meeting of the Northwest Anthropological Conference 2006 Seattle, Washington**

**10 am Saturday June 5, 2004**

After several years of consideration, a small consortium agreed to host the NWAC meetings in Seattle for the first time since 1973. Seattle Central Community College has agreed to provide meeting space and Pacific Lutheran University will be the financial conduit. Details of housing, hosting, and the conference program need to be worked out. We are asking everyone interested in making this event happen and showing that Puget Sound folks are gracious hosts to gather at SCCC (room number to be announced) at 10 am Saturday June 5, 2004, to form working groups to identify tasks, find solutions, and to ensure that no one has been overlooked in our outreach.

If you have questions, contact:

NWAA  
5418 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Suite 200  
Seattle, WA 98103  
206 781-1909

## **National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum 2004**

**Indianapolis, Indiana  
July 15-18, 2004**

National Preservation Commission Training specifically designed for preservation commissioners, architectural review boards, planning staff, elected officials and preservationists. For more information, see the NAPC website at [www.sed.uga.edu/psa/programs/napc/forum2004.htm](http://www.sed.uga.edu/psa/programs/napc/forum2004.htm) or 706. 542.4731.

## **Society for Commercial Archeology Conference Seattle, Washington August 18-21, 2004**

This year the Society for Commercial Archaeology will celebrate the space age—with programs and tours focused on Seattle and Century 21, the first World's Fair of the post-war era.

For more information, contact [sca\\_asst@hotmail.com](mailto:sca_asst@hotmail.com) or view their website at <http://www.sca-roadside.org/index.html>.

## **Coal Mining History Week in Washington State 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Roslyn Coal Miner Days Festival Roslyn, Washington September 4-5, 2004**

Historic tours, exhibits, arts & crafts; Contests, games, food, scavenger hunt; Coal Miner Picnic Memorial Ceremony; Grand Parade; Entertainment.

For more information, contact Bobbi Dreier @ 509-649-3353 or email [festival@roslynheritage.com](mailto:festival@roslynheritage.com).

## **"Honoring the Heritage of the Plateau Peoples: Past, Present, and Future" Conference Pullman, Washington**

**September 29-30, 2004**

The conference will inform participants about the traditional cultures of the Plateau and pay tribute to the individuals who have preserved these traditions.

For more information contact Mary Collins at 509-335-4314 or email: [collinsm@wsu.edu](mailto:collinsm@wsu.edu)



## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**"See You In Seattle:  
Roadside Culture in  
the Space Age"**

## **Annual Conference Society for Commercial Archeology**

Seattle, WA

August 18-21, 2004

Proposals are invited for papers presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Commercial Archeology in Seattle, WA, August 18-21, 2004.

This year the Society for Commercial Archeology will celebrate the space age—with programs and tours focused on Seattle and Century 21, the first World's Fair of the post-war era. Papers that reflect futuristic imagery and dreams of a jet-propelled, nuclear-powered paradise are especially encouraged, but papers on any aspect of roadside culture or architectural history are welcome, as always.

The maximum length for general session papers is 20 minutes. For session papers, please submit abstracts of no more than 500 words, a one-page resume and AV needs. Graduate students and others are encouraged to submit abstracts of 250 words, a one-page resume and AV needs.



Abstracts will be accepted until July 15, 2004. Authors of papers chosen for presentation will be notified by July 30, 2004. Please be advised that the reserved book of rooms for the conference hotel is being held until July 17<sup>th</sup>, so act accordingly.

## **PLEASE SEND PROPOSALS TO:**

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# OAHP Welcomes a New Addition!

Meet Peyton Olivia - the newborn daughter of Megan and Lindsey Duvall. Megan is the Certified Local Government Coordinator for the Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation. Peyton was born on Thursday, May 20th at 7:56 pm at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tacoma. She weighed in at 7 pounds 1 ounce and was 19 inches long. Mom, baby and dad are doing great. Megan will be enjoying motherhood throughout the summer and will be returning to OAHP in September.

Congratulations to the Duvall Family!



St. Joseph's Hospital, Tacoma

*It's a  
girl!*



## "Nifty From the Last Fifty" Update

Launched at last year's SHPO Awards, the "Nifty from the Last 50 Initiative", Washington State's first effort to recognize and record Washington's post WWII resources, to date has recorded 151 properties all over the state. A joint effort by the Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation and DCOMOMO WEWA with Historic Seattle, the survey has uncovered such resources as the playful forms of architect Warren Heylman who's designs of the 60s and 70s, pushed the architectural envelope to its very edge.

The Initiative has also recorded a distinct group of Brutalist style buildings, which use rough concrete, and block-like forms at bizarre angles (often called the "Russian Wedge") to convey their stark sculpture-like appearance. OAHP so much enjoyed these newly discovered resources that we decided to feature the Brutalist 1969 Paul Thiry designed Christ Episcopal Church in Tacoma on this year's preservation week poster. The survey has also led to the discovery that Washington State is home to one of the earliest Brutalist designs in the Pacific Northwest, a state parking garage in Olympia, completed in 1958.

Whitman Co. Library, Colfax



Parking Garage, Olympia - 1958

Over the past year a wide variety of property types have been recorded including libraries, colleges, mausoleums, motels, office complexes and many residential homes. New styles like Populuxe, New Formalism, Meislian, and Neo-Expressionism have been coined.

Michael Houser, architectural historian with OAHP and initiative organizer, would like to remind us that the building doesn't have to be an architectural masterpiece. It could simply be an example of everyday architecture of the period. All of these resources do have story to tell. You might

want to survey a skyscraper, your own home, a church, a gas station, roadside architecture or even you local strip mall. Houser says "We have got to have an open mind when it comes to the recent past".

Now while Seattle architect, and AIA president Bob Durham in 1967 declared a very public "war on ugliness" after being disgusted with the architectural designs of the time... we can now remind ourselves that we are not the prevyours of taste... but are the protectors of our rich history.

With one year to go Houser would like to encourage people to keep submitting "Nifty from the Last 50" forms. For those of you who have not submitted a form... it's easy... Just fill out a quite survey form, provide a picture and some history and we will come out of record the resource for future generations. The forms can be downloaded from OAHP website at: [www.oahp.wa.gov](http://www.oahp.wa.gov).



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